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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG, XIN

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-8 have been examined.
2. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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3. **Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gennaro, Et Al. (US 5,907,618).**

As per claim 1:

Gennaro, Et Al. disclose a method for encrypting an original document for distribution to a selected recipient chosen from a plurality of possible recipients, comprising the steps of:

encrypting the original document with a unique session key to create an encrypted document; **[col.9, lines 18-64]**

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generating a proxy key based on a public key corresponding to the selected recipient; and **[col.10, lines 4-10]**

transforming the encrypted document with a proxy key to create a transformed message document. **[col.10, lines 12-39]**

As per claim 2: See col.11, lines 1-6; discusses transforming the transformed document to the selected recipient.

As per claim 3: See col.11, line 7-26; discusses recovering the unique session key from the transformed document and decrypting the transformed document with the session key to recover the original document.

As per claim 4: See col.10, lines 16-22; discusses applying the private key corresponding to the selected recipient.

As per claim 5: See col.9, lines 21-23 and lines 52-64; discusses a symmetric private key encryption scheme.

As per claim 6: See col.4, lines 15-30; discusses the ElGamal encryption scheme.

As per claim 7: See col.9, lines 61-65; discusses the encrypted document comprises a first portion representative of the original document encrypted via the symmetric private key encryption scheme using the session key, and a second portion representative of the session key encrypted using an owner's private key (col.10, lines 15-27 and col.14, lines 43-53).

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As per claim 8: See col.15, lines 5-40; discussing the original document is distributed to the selected recipient through at least one additional intermediate grantor by repeating the transforming step for each additional intermediate grantor.

***For more details and information concerning the rejection above, please refer to Gennaro, Et Al. on col.4, line 1...Et. SEQ.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEYNNA T. HA whose telephone number is (703) 305-3853. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (7:00 - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (703) 305-4393. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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